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COMET NOTES.

A faint comet was discovered by Dr. SWIFT of LOWE Observatory on August 20th, in the constellation *Pisces*. Professor Boss of Albany has just published (in *Astronomical Journal*, No. 355) the elements of its orbit, basing them upon all the available observations up to date. He finds that the orbit is an ellipse; that the comet completes one revolution in its orbit in about $7\frac{1}{4}$ years, and that its least distance from the Sun was reached about August 20th. The comet is rapidly diminishing in brightness, and is already a difficult object to see.

A telegram received at Mt. Hamilton states that FAYE's periodic comet has been found again. Its period is about $7\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Both SWIFT's and FAYE's comets belong to the *Jupiter* family of comets.

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